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1 1. A method in a computer system for distributing user information for
2 registered users from the computer system to collection kiosks, the method comprising:
3 providing user information for registered users;
4 receiving updates to the user information;
5 generating update user information;
6 for each of the collection kiosks,
7 receiving a request from the collection kiosk for the generated update
8 user information;
9 sending to the requesting collection kiosk the update user information
10 wherein the collection kiosks use the update user information to verify whether
11 a user is registered.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the collection kiosks operate as FTP
2 clients and the computer system operates as an FTP server.

1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the received update user information
2 includes indications of whether to add a registered user, delete a registered user, or change
3 information relating to a registered user.

1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein a collection kiosk sends a request for the
2 generated update user information once a day.

1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the user information includes a user
2 identifier and a password.

6. A method in a collection kiosk for retrieving updated user information, the method comprising:
providing user information for registered users;
sending a request for updated user information;
in response to sending the request, receiving the updated user information; and
updating the provided user information for the registered user in accordance with the received updated user information so that the collection kiosk can verify whether a user of the collection kiosk is registered.

7. An information collection system comprising:
a central computer system for a web site, the central computer system providing a repository for the information, web pages for registering users of the web site, and for accessing the information; and
a plurality of collection kiosks for collecting information about users, for verifying whether a user is registered at the web site, and for sending the collected information to the central computer system when the user is registered.

8. The information system of claim 7 wherein the information is medical information.

9. A computer-based method for collecting medical information of users of a web site, the method comprising:
registering the users at the web site when information about a user is collected at one of a plurality of collection kiosks,
determining whether the user is registered at the website; and
when registered, sending the collected information to a computer system so that the collected information is accessible to the user through the web site.